

August 12, 2004

TO ALL GENERAL CHAIRMAN & SYSTEM
OFFICERS IN THE UNITED STATES

Re: Year 2004-2005 Hazardous Materials Training Schedule

Dear Sirs and Brothers:

In conjunction with the [George Meany Center for Labor Studies](#) (GMCLS) we have scheduled five 5-day Hazardous Waste/Chemical Emergency Response Training Programs to be held during 2004-2005 at the George Meany Center for Labor Studies in Silver Spring, Maryland. Please note that the 2004-2005 programs have been expanded to 5 days, and the course curriculum has been modified to include Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD), Incident Command System (ICS), and OSHA-10 certification.

The training will address the criteria for First Responder Awareness and Operations Level Training under OSHA 1910.120 and the requirements of the Department of Transportation (DOT) Hazardous Materials Regulations. In addition, participants completing the course will also receive OSHA-10 Certification, the "basic safety training" certified by OSHA. Training includes advanced classroom instruction and intensive hands-on drills, including a simulated hazmat response in full safety gear.

Under the terms of our federal grant, transportation, meals and lodging will be provided for all program participants. In addition, participants who are unable to receive regular pay through the railroad to attend training will be provided a stipend of \$110.00 for each of the five days of training (\$550.00 total stipend). Under the terms of the grant, full-time union representatives will be provided transportation, lodging and meals in the same manner as rank-and-file participants, however, full-time officers are not entitled to receive the daily stipend.

The program is open to all BMW members and I strongly encourage BMW members, division/federation officers, subordinate lodge officers, and local activists to submit an [application](#) to attend one of these sessions.

The program dates are as follows:

October 24 - 29, 2004

April 17 - 22, 2005

May 15 - 20, 2005

June 5 - 10, 2005

July 10 - 15, 2005

All of the above listed programs will be held on the George Meany Campus, 10,000 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring, MD. 20903

Attached is an [application form](#) which I encourage you to reproduce and distribute to those members of your division/federation who would like to be considered to participate in this training program. Ten (10) slots have been allocated to BMW for each session. Participants successfully completing the four-day training program will be eligible to receive college credit for the course through the National Labor College of the George Meany Center. Completed

[application forms](#) should be mailed or faxed directly to the George Meany Center as indicated on the enclosed [application form](#). Members can also register on-line at www.hazmatgmc.org. Final selection and notification of participants will be made approximately six weeks prior to each session. Due to the anticipated large number of applicants, only those members selected to attend will be notified. Successful applicants will remain responsible for arranging time off duty to attend.

If you have any questions regarding participant selection or would like further information regarding the Hazmat Training Program, please contact Director of Safety and Education Rick Inclima at (202) 638-2135, ext.#12.

In Solidarity,

Acting President

[Attachment](#)

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